



We are the Community. We are the Church.

*Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the First Mass
at Sacred Heart Church at Nelthorpe Street
on September 5, 2015*

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December 13-14, 2014

Sacred Heart faith community children share how they could help someone their age, who is less fortunate, this Christmas season

Adam, 11: "I will donate to the Sidney Lions food bank."

Adam, 8: "Send Christmas letter to your grandmas and grandpa that lives somewhere else. call your grandparents."

Adriel, 11: "I can help my friend make friends so he wont be lonley. Anymore."

Aga, 8: "Give Food!"

Antoni, 10: "I would give the person a gift."

Charlotte, 11: "I will give a goat to World Vision so a child can have food."

CJ, 7: ""I would give food to the poor."

Dak, 8: "I can support them to meet their needs."

Daniel, 10: "Sending Chrismas cards to my grand parents in Europe. Talk on the Phone with my Family, who lives far away and they can't be with us for Chrismas."

Denise, 8: "1) give then food 2) give them money 3) give them clothes 4) Give them water 5) Give them my time."

Dhavid, 13: "Volunteering in school event like Toy drive for less fortunate kids."

Diana, 11: "At school we donate stuffies to help Santa's anonymus."

Emily, 11: "Money food clothing toys blankets."

Faith, 11: "I would give them warm clothese like scarves, coats, gloves."

Felicity, 5: "I would collect some money for them."

Ianne, 11: "-- Give -- Help -- Donate -- Share."

James, 13: " 1. Give food to homeless. 2. Give Toys to poor kids. 3. Help My friends open doors because he has a fractured

hand. 4. Serve food to the homeless. 5. Donates clothese to the homeless."

K.M.B., 9: "Give then Food, Money, or a toy."

Keith, 10: "I would give them a special gift for Christmas."

Kian, 8: "give to the poor or the homless."

Lance, 8: "Pray for them and Give clothing."

Lewis, 11: "I would give them something for the cold like a jacket, sweater, boots or a tuke."

Lois, 7 "and a half": "Pray for the Philippines which has a Super Typhoon. Help people over the poorest country."

Lucia, 10: "let them join my group."

Lucy, 7: "Serve them food on christmas day. Say a prayer for them."

Malvina, 8: "I could donate food, money, things to Survive and clothes."

Marcus, 8: "you can help by visit a sick person."

Mariana, 8: "by Giving food Help them. Give them a home to live in. Give meany away to them."

Mary, 12: "I can supply food for the homeless, by doing a food drive. Also I can do 'Santas anonymus' which gives them an item to open on Christmas. Also to go through my stuff and find some things to give to the less fortunate."

Naomi, 9: "I would buy a book or a toys canned foods."

Natalia, 8: "give food. give water. give cloth."

Nathaniel, 9: "1. give food 2. Donate money 3. give clothese 4. medicine to sick people 5. share toys & books."

Nicole, 7: "Teach someone something valuable, so that they can Pass it Along to others."

Oliver, 9: "I would give them food and money!"

Quyen, 14: "Give food, money, toys, clothing."

Ricardo, 12: "Help them with theyre problem, invite then to come, donate things that they need, Maybe be theyre friends or invite then to Christmas. I could help my friend and show her the school maybe how things work show her how to get places around the school."

Sara: "could donate the food or money."

Sophia, 10: "I will give my old clothes, money and food for them."

Zoe, 7: "We can bring food for the hungry."

Anonymous sharings:

"I will give you pants."

"I will Help Cook."

"I will help you cook."

"I will wait for Por Pipal."

"I will Help you with a house I will help cook."

"We can help the less fortunate by Giving or donating warm clothes"

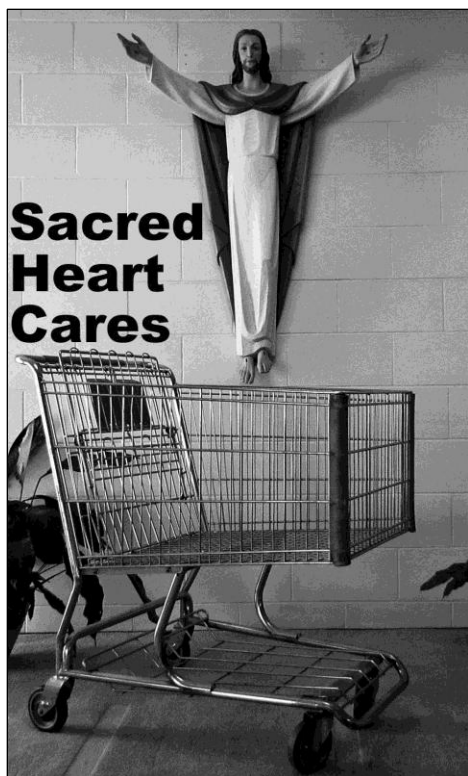
"We can help the less fortunate by donate money to the poor, give them clothing, and give then food and clean water,"

"We can help the less fortunate by giving away clothing to people who need it."

"We can buy a gift for someone who needs it; special soap, shower, a meal."

"Take time to really hug someone to show/appreciate your friendship."

"I can give a present to the less fortchuine boy"



"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you brought me home, naked, and you clothed me, sick, and you cared for me, a prisoner, and you came to me." — Matthew 25 35-36

Load up the St. Vincent de Paul Society's grocery cart at the church foyer this special 50th anniversary Christmas season

Items needed:

- Most urgent: many small, empty, baby food jars
- Not opened: cereal, peanut butter, sugar, rice, tea, coffee, canned food [please check expiry date]
- Toilet paper, toothpaste, tooth brushes, razors

The grocery cart, donated by Thrifty Foods, was the idea of the late Fr. Sigismond Lajoie, a Franciscan, who was our pastor from 1984-2004. It replaced cardboard boxes in the church foyer.

Sacred Heart faith community also supports Anawim House. Besides monetary donations, you can give new men's and women's socks, underwear, sweaters, gloves, hats and toques for the homeless and others cared by Anawim House.



Catholicism in the continents

Focus on Asia

After the Middle East and Turkey, India is perhaps the next Asian nation, moving eastward, to see Christian missionaries. However it is unclear if it was St. Bartholomew [also known as Apostle Nathaniel] who was the first apostle to reach India.

It is said that he came to India in AD 55 and preached the Gospel in the area near Kalyan [near Bombay]. Roman historian Eusebius [c260-341] of Caesarea's *Ecclesiastical History* states that after the Ascension, Bartholomew went on a missionary tour to India, where he left behind a copy of the *Gospel of Matthew* and then went to Armenia, where, according to tradition, he was flayed alive and then crucified upside down in AD62.

Then there is St. Jerome [c347-420], who states that St. Pantaeus [died c200] was sent to India to preach "among the Brahmins and philosophers of that nation" and he found Christian communities using the Gospel of Matthew written in "Hebrew letters", supposedly left them by the apostle Bartholomew. And, according to St. Hippolytus of Rome [170-235], Bartholomew preached in India.

Indian Church Historian T. V. Philip, says: "Bartholomew was in Kalyan near Bombay. The first Christians were Jewish converts and later the Gospel was preached to other communities in India." The studies of Fr A.C. Perumalil, OMI, and Dr. George Mark Moraes hold that Kalyan was the field of Saint Bartholomew's missionary activities.

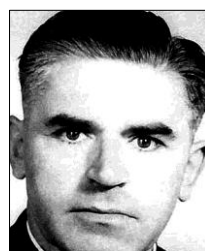
Although the origins of Christianity in India remain unclear, one thing is certain: one apostle did go to India — St. Thomas.

Our Pastors



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Fr. Jan Planeta



The next project for "the builder," Fr. Planeta — after he celebrated the First Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Nelthorpe Street on 5 September '65 — was the rectory. On 19 September '65, parishioner Lawrence Webb began construction and on 4 March '66 it was completed. Fr. Planeta moved in three weeks later.

During this busy time, always dedicated to his family, in '65 he sponsored his younger brother, Karol, his wife, and five teenage children to immigrate to Canada and helped them settle here.

On 17 December '67, Fr. Planeta was appointed pastor of parishes of Qualicum Beach and Parksville. Under his leadership the new Church of the Ascension was built at French Creek to serve both communities. It was blessed and dedicated on 6 July '69.

On 29 November '69, Fr. Planeta was in a tragic car accident at French Creek. He was with his elder sister, Frania Planeta, and two parishioners, on their way to buy plants for the new church. His sister died at the accident site, one parishioner passed away in hospital and the other survived with a few broken bones.

Fr. Planeta died in hospital on 4 December '69. Funeral masses were held at the Church of the Ascension, Sacred Heart Church and St. Andrew's Cathedral on 10, 11 and 12 December '69.